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MONROE COUNTY, WEBSTER & PENFIELD TO HOST HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

*During 2002, the collections safely disposed of 177 tons of
hazardous material.*

Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle today announced that the county's Department of Environmental Services (DES) and the Towns of Webster and Penfield have joined forces to hold an **appointment-only** Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection. The collection will take place at the Webster Highway Garage, 1005 Picture Parkway, on Saturday, April 26, 2003 from 8 a.m. to Noon.

Most HHW (paint, flammables and other chemicals from home-use) is safe when used and stored properly. When they become unwanted and are disposed of improperly, these household wastes can become environmental hazards.

"This local collection effort gives residents the opportunity to dispose of potentially hazardous chemicals in a safe manner, and keeps usable items out of the landfills," said Doyle. "This program is another example of how the County is working with our towns and villages to meet the needs of residents by bringing needed services to their community."

To ensure safety and reduce waiting times, **appointments are required** at all HHW collections. **Appointments for this HHW collection will be accepted until April 24.** To schedule an appointment Webster residents can call 872-1443. Penfield residents should call 340-8710. Waste from businesses will not be accepted.

Volunteers of America will also be on site to collect textiles (clothes) books, stereos, chairs, cookware, couches (can not be torn, worn, or stained), linens, stoves and refrigerators. (Appliances must be in working order). If you would like to schedule a free pick up of larger household items contact VOA at 585-647-1150.

If residents are unable to take advantage of this mobile HHW collection, the county's permanent collection facility is open (by appointment only) on a weekly basis. For more information, or for business waste disposal options, call DES at 760-7600 (option 3), or go on-line at www.monroecounty.gov

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Up to 30 gallons of the following materials will be accepted per appointment at no charge:

- Oil-based & Latex Paint (for ¼-gallon or less of **latex** paint: discard lid, add kitty litter, let dry, place can in trash)
- Wood Stain & Preservatives
- Automotive Fluids (antifreeze; brake, power steering and transmission fluids)
- Pesticides & Fertilizers
- Flammable Products (gasoline, kerosene, thinners, strippers, solvents)
- Household Cleaners (liquid soaps & waxes, drain cleaners, etc.)
- Driveway Sealer
- Pool & Photo Chemicals
- Rechargeable (Ni-Cad) & Button Batteries
- Mercury (thermometers, thermostats)
- Syringes/Sharps (safely packaged)

Do Not Bring: used motor oil & vehicle batteries (contact service station or retailer); cans with dried paint (if it rattles when shaken – remove lid and place in trash); empty containers (trash or recycle); everyday alkaline batteries (trash); glazing/spackle & joint compounds (trash).

Future collections are scheduled on May 17 in Perinton, June 14 in Hamlin, September 20 in Chili, and October 18 in Irondequoit.

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